

# OBU Student to Study in Russia

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SHAWNEE Oklahoma Baptist University student Mark Maxey wants a career in filmmaking and film marketing.

But unlike many would-be movie moguls, Maxey hasn't considered Southern California or New York City for his training.

The junior from Tulsa is happy here and he'll be even happier in August when he embarks on a journey halfway around the world to the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Maxey has been chosen as OBU's first foreign-exchange student to the Soviet Union. From Aug. 20 to June 20, 1991, Maxey will study independent filmmaking and telecommunications at Kazakh State University.

The school is in Alma-Ata, which is near the Chinese border.

He will also work at Kazakhfilm Studios, considered the best equipped in the Soviet Central Asian republics.

As Maxey explained in an interview, Kazakhfilm Studios has British and Japanese sound equipment and large-screen video projection.

Kazakhfilm produces four feature films a year, in addition to four dramatic shorts, four to six animated shorts, and some 30 short documentaries.

"I want to produce and market my own films someday," Maxey said.

"And global awareness is where the future is."

While a student at OBU, Maxey has studied Russian at nearby St. Gregory's College, and he is taking a Russian course this summer at Tulsa Junior College.

In the Kazakhstan republic, residents speak Russian, although about 90 percent of the inhabitants are Moslem.

Maxey, an asthmatic, said the climate in Kazakhstan is moderate, and winter temperatures rarely get below 20 degrees.

While Maxey is overseas, a Soviet student will be at OBU in Shawnee as part of the exchange program. BIOG: NAME:

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